

## Thorpe Bay Open 29/30 Sept 2007

Light winds and sunshine met the sailors for the start on Saturday morning. After launching on time, three races were sailed. First across the line in the first race were Becky Diamond and Fiona Hampshire, only to find on returning ashore that they along with several others were disqualified from the day's racing for not signing out!

Race 3 proved tense as Frances Peters and Claire Lasko were leading by a fair margin, when the wind dropped to almost nothing and Thorpe Bay's famous strong tides took effect enabling the fleet to catch the leaders. After a tough race, the pair were 3<sup>rd</sup> with James Hopson and Dan Henderson taking the gun.

Sunday's late start was much appreciated by the sailor's who were recovering from another legendary party kindly hosted by the Hoppers. With a 'Gods and Goddesses' theme, there were many interesting costumes particularly Jesus – on the cross! Still sporting his long wig and beard combo from the night before, Nick Hollis decided to sail single handed, unfortunately capsizing in race 2.

The racing was close as Becky and Fiona, and Frances and Claire battled it out at the front of the fleet in the first two races, Frances and Clare edging across the line first. Race 3 saw a little more wind and was won by James and Dan.

The event was won by Frances and Claire with James and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nick Redding and Adam Hilton 3<sup>rd</sup>.